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William C. Anderson  
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force  
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

The State of Louisiana would be honored for the Air Force Cyber Command to become a permanent addition to Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City. The Air Force chose Barksdale to be the provisional command to combat this growing threat to our national security. The Cyber Command will put Louisiana on the front lines of the national and international battleground of cyber-warfare for a mission that they are already performing on a daily basis.

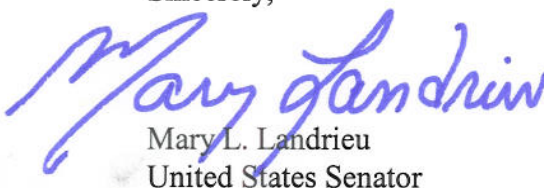
In Louisiana, we have weathered Hurricane Katrina, a crisis for which our government and our people were unprepared. Despite the odds, our great state has bounced back and is ready to accept this exciting new role maintaining air, space, and cyber superiority for America. Cyber Command and the Cyber Innovation Center will place Louisiana in the vanguard of defending our nation from an all-too-real threat. Our workforce, business, and education sectors are fully prepared to support the mission of Cyber Command. The Shreveport-Bossier area already has a burgeoning biotechnology cluster. There is also enormous community support in the community, led by the Barksdale Forward and, is committed to the growth and sustainability of the base Barksdale community.

Our area universities, such as including Louisiana State University-Shreveport, Louisiana Tech, the University of Louisiana at Monroe, Grambling State University, and Northwestern State University, will contribute much of the "intellectual capital" for this innovative effort. Also, Louisiana has direct, high-speed connections to the national cyber-infrastructure through the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI). Finally, the Shreveport-Bossier area offers the Cyber Information Center and National Cyber Research Park, both established specifically to support the Air Force in its cyber mission.

Again, I would like to thank you for considering Barksdale Air Force Base as the permanent home of the Air Force Cyber Command in Louisiana. I pledge my full support to keeping Air Force Cyber Command at Barksdale this new mission and its successful implementation. Please feel free to contact my point of contact Bart Kenerson at 202-224-0094 should you need anything further.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu  
United States Senator